

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3253
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DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATERWAYS IN KERALA
SURESH KURUP

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any plan to develop Inland Waterways in Kerala;
- (b) if so, whether the State Government has given any specific plan to develop this sector; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

(a) Yes, Sir. The West Coast Canal from Kottapuram to Kollam along with Udyogmandal & Champakara canal has been declared as National Waterway for shipping and navigation. A proposal for declaration of extension of this National Waterway from Kollam to Kovalam in the south and Kottapuram to Kasargode in the north has been prepared. In addition, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme grant assistance is provided by the Central Government to the States for development of Inland Water Transport. Govt. of Kerala can avail of this facility to develop other waterway of the State.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.